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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Coppens et al.  
Serial No.: 08/898,736  
Filed: July 23, 1997  
Title: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION  
OF MALTED CEREALS  
Group Art Unit: 1761  
Examiner: C. Sherrer

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AMENDMENT E

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 10, 2001,  
please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Three Times Amended) A process for the preparation of  
a malted cereal comprising: introducing activated spores in an  
amount of (about)  $1 \times 10^2$  to (about)  $1 \times 10^7$  per gram per gram of dry  
cereal to a cereal before or during a malting process, the  
activated spores being present on the cereal in an amount which  
is effective for providing the malted cereal with an increased  
enzyme activity, the increased enzyme activity being greater than  
the enzyme activity which is obtained by the same malting process  
but with dormant spores.

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